

**St. Charles Village Council
Minutes of Regular Meeting
May 10, 2023**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance by President Tithof.

Members present: Ginderske, Harris, Kendall, McSweyn, Nesbit, and Tithof.

Members absent: Theile.

Others present: Don Ackerman, Donna Ackerman, Hartmann Aue, Mary Browne, Terry Browne, Tyler Browne, Adrian Cervini, Julie Church, Scott Crofoot, Scott Diffin, Jean Fowler, Steve Harris, Mitch Jacquemain, Lu Leitz, Jeanne Marcello, LuAnn McNally, Angie Oliver, Jason Oliver, Jennifer Rosser-Nesbit, Phil Siazik, Travis Thurston, Neil Woodgate and others.

Three adjustments to be made to the agenda were to add in Public Comment under adjustments to the agenda as well as to add in under new business F. Swear in Chief Jason Oliver and G. Resolution 23-10 Accepting the 10 Tools of Civility.

Motion by Harris, second by Nesbit to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Terry Browne spoke during public comment stating that recent meetings had been getting out of hand. The Council needs to do what is best for the Village and no one should be verbally attacking employees or arguing during meetings. Meetings should be civil.

Mitch Jacquemain from Spicer updated Council on the projects Spicer is working on for the Village.

Motion by Harris, second by Kendall to approve the April 12, 2023 Village Council minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Nesbit, second by Harris to accept and file the Commission and Committee Reports from Downtown Development Authority April 14, 2023 and May 5, 2023. Motion carried.

Motion by Harris, second by Kendall to accept and file the Commission and Committee Reports from Parks & Recreation Committee April 26, 2023. Motion carried.

There were no communications this month.

Motion by Nesbit, second by McSweyn to approve the payment of claims in the amount of \$218,481.87. Motion carried.

The Zoning Ordinance that was tabled from April 12, 2023 was presented.

Motion by Harris, second by Kendall to approve the new Zoning Ordinance. Roll call vote: Ginderske-yes; Harris-yes; Kendall-yes; McSweyn-yes; Nesbit-yes; Theile-absent; Tithof-yes. Motion carried.

Aue presented the Personnel Handbook for Village Employees.

Motion by Nesbit, second by Harris to approve the Personnel Handbook cell phone update. Motion carried.

Resolution 23-9 To File an Application for Laying Out and Designating a County Drainage District and a Petition to Locate, Establish and Construct a Drain was presented to Council on behalf of the Saginaw County Public Works

Commissioner. This releases ownership of Benton Street Drain to Saginaw County and allows for them to create a drainage district to provide the work needed to clean up and repair the drain.

Motion by Kendall, second by McSweyn to approve Resolution 23-9 To File an Application for Laying Out and Designating a County Drainage District and a Petition to Locate, Establish and Construct a Drain. Roll call vote: Ginderske-yes; Harris-yes; Kendall-yes; McSweyn-yes; Nesbit-yes; Theile-absent; Tithof-yes. Motion carried.

Three quotes were received Monk Tree Service, Thurston Logging and Britt Heinz for removal and cleanup of a tree at 223 W Belle Ave on the Village right of way.

Motion by Kendall, second by Harris to accept the tree removal quote from Thurston Logging in the amount of \$2,200. Roll call vote: Ginderske-yes; Harris-yes; Kendall-yes; McSweyn-yes; Nesbit-yes; Theile-absent; Tithof-yes. Motion carried.

A quote from Playground Boss for the purchase of the Play King playground equipment was presented to the Council. The Parks & Recreation Committee have approved this piece of equipment and the Downtown Development Authority has allocated \$36,280 from their budget to help with installation. Along with the \$50,000 grant from the Saginaw Community Foundation and the money from the DDA the Village has allocated \$60,000 in its budget to pay for the equipment in the total amount of \$146,280.

Motion by Kendall, second by McSweyn to approve the purchase of the Playground Boss- Play King playground equipment for Coal Miners' Park. Roll call vote: Ginderske-yes; Harris-abstain; Kendall-yes; McSweyn-yes; Nesbit-yes; Theile-absent; Tithof-yes. Motion carried.

A quote from Garber Chevrolet was presented for the purchase of a 2023 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 in the amount of \$39,085.40. This is to replace the 2001 Dodge Ram that is past its useful life.

Motion by Harris, second by Nesbit to approve the purchase of a 2023 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 in the amount of \$39,085.40. Roll call vote: Ginderske-yes; Harris-yes; Kendall-yes; McSweyn-yes; Nesbit-yes; Theile-absent; Tithof-yes. Motion carried.

The new Police Chief Jason Oliver was introduced and he spoke a few moments on his career and what he will bring to the Village. He was then sworn in as the new Police Chief of the Village of St. Charles.

Resolution 23-10 Accepting the Ten Tools of Civility was introduced. The Ten Tools of Civility are: pay attention, listen, be inclusive, do not gossip, show respect, be agreeable, apologize, give constructive criticism, take responsibility, and tell the truth.

Motion by Kendall, second by McSweyn to approve The Ten Tools of Civility. Roll call vote: Ginderske-yes; Harris-yes; Kendall-yes; McSweyn-yes; Nesbit-yes; Theile-absent; Tithof-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Harris, second by Kendall to accept and file the departmental report from DPW. Motion carried.

Motion by Harris, second by Ginderske to accept and file the departmental report from Building Inspector/Code Enforcement. Motion carried.

During public comment an unknown resident asked about the trees in the river and whose permission is needed to clean that up. Aue responded the DNR.

Phil Siazik questioned having a police hub at the. Aue responded the Saginaw County Sheriff's Department will continue to have their hub at the school and the Village police officers will remain at the Village Office.

Sue Tanney questioned if Belle Ave was going to have a detour during the water main projects. Road signs were dropped off on Flint Street. Jacqmain responded that the street signs are detour signs from Eric Construction.

Motion by Nesbit, second by Harris to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer L. Rosser-Nesbit, Village Clerk